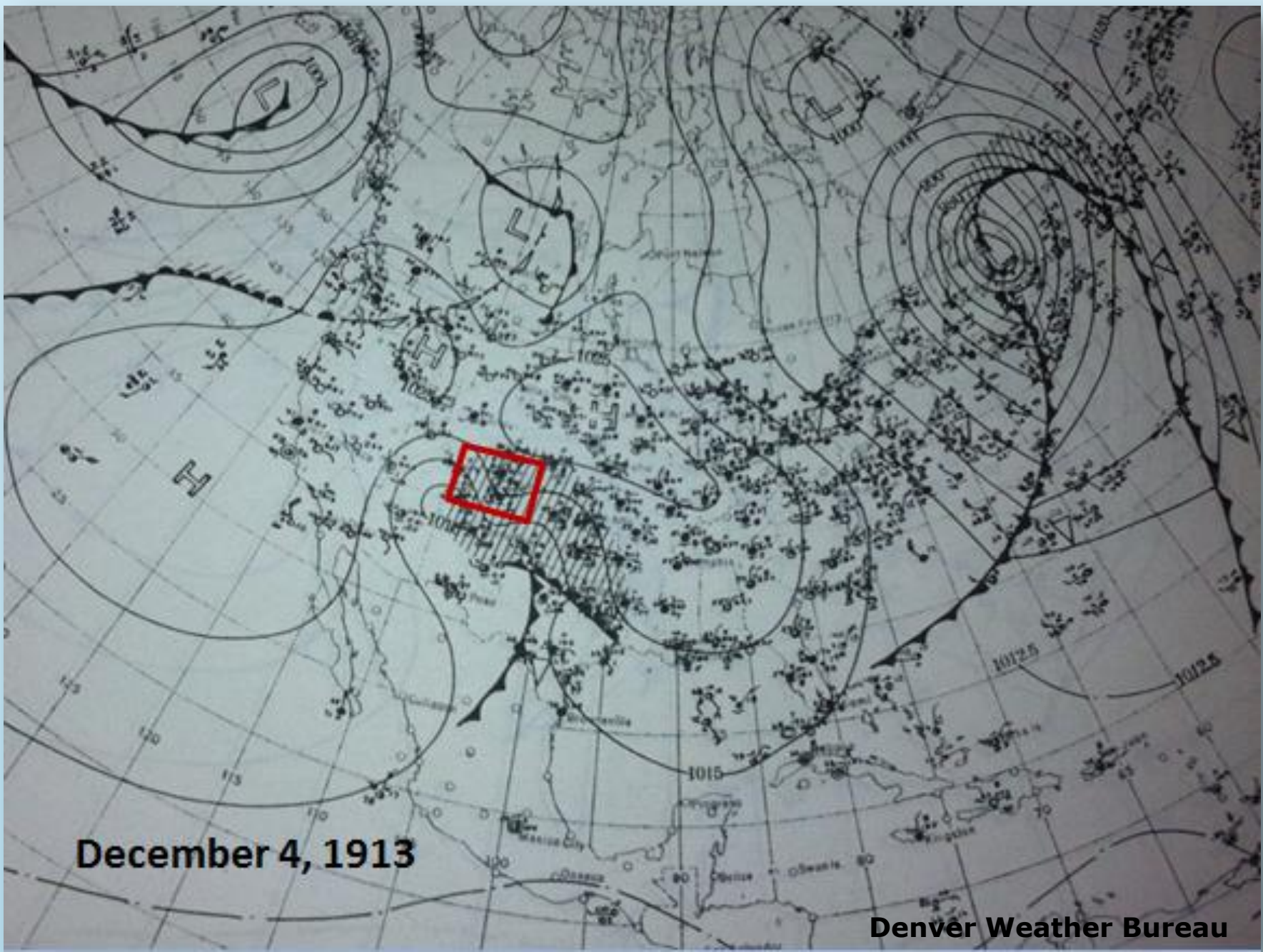


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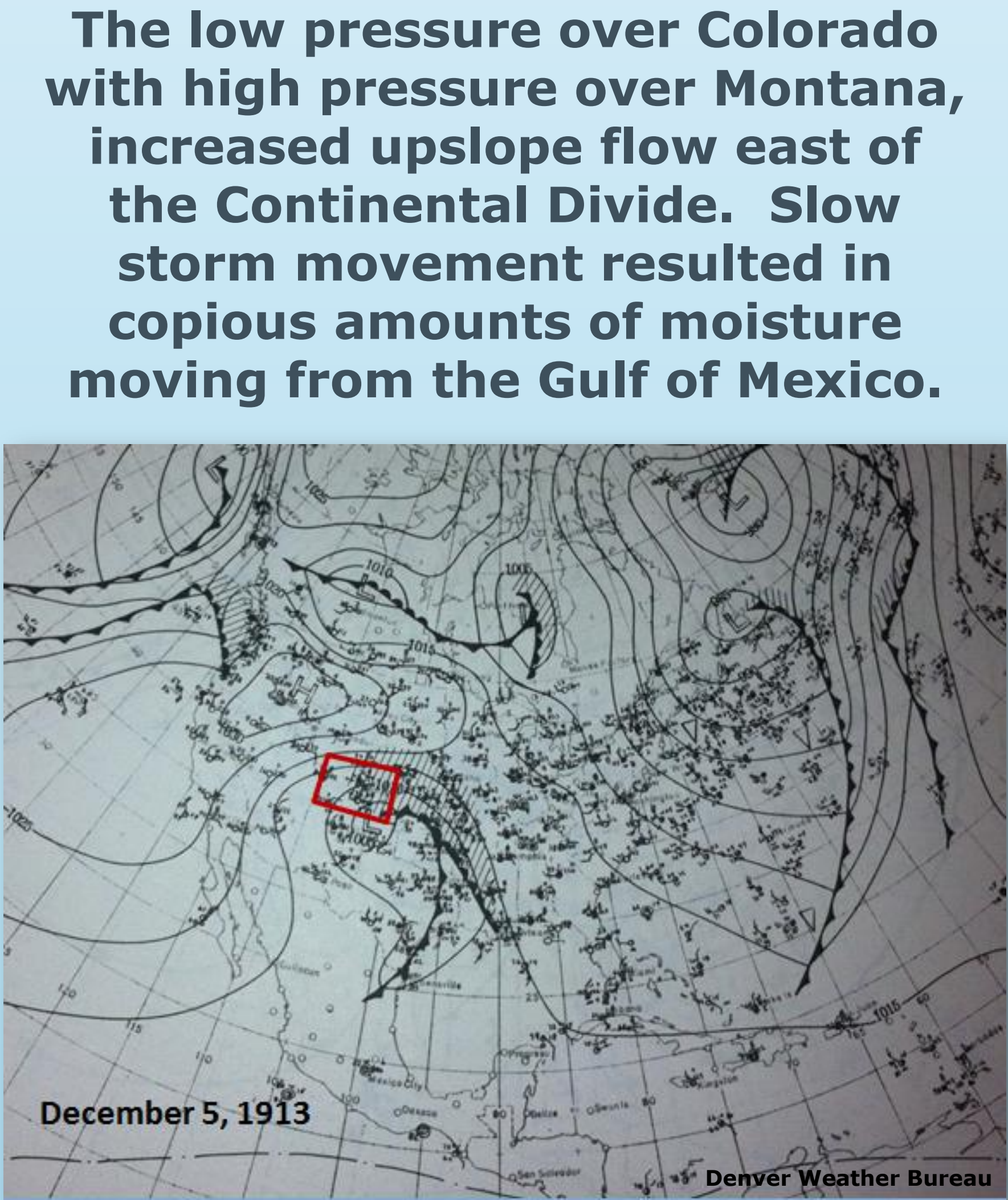


## December 1-5, 1913

On December 1, 1913, a low pressure system developed over northern Arizona. Over the next several days, this system strengthened and moved north, bringing an excessive amount of moisture to Colorado. This became the greatest snowfall that parts of Colorado have ever seen.



After the storm developed over Arizona, it moved north and intensified over Colorado. The hatched areas in these maps indicate precipitation.



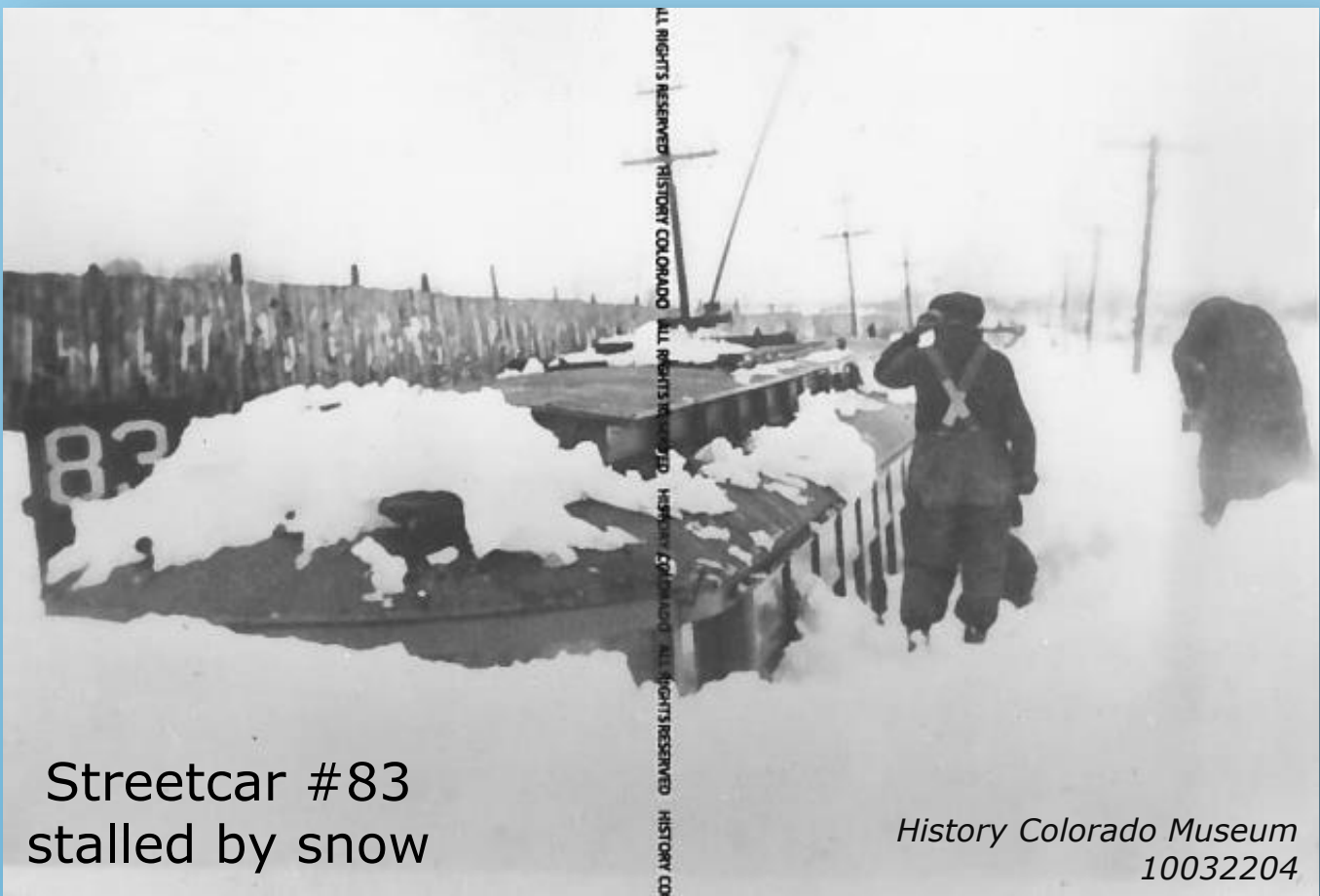
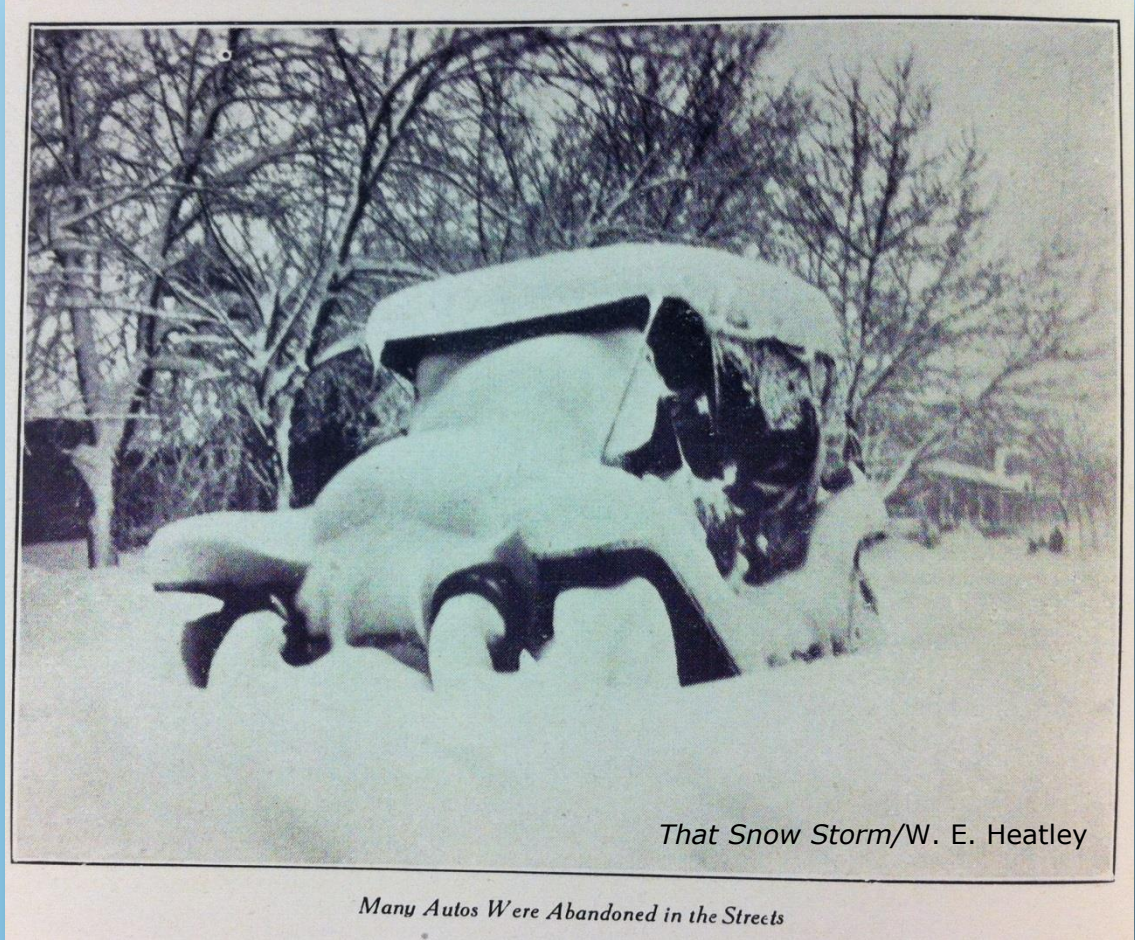
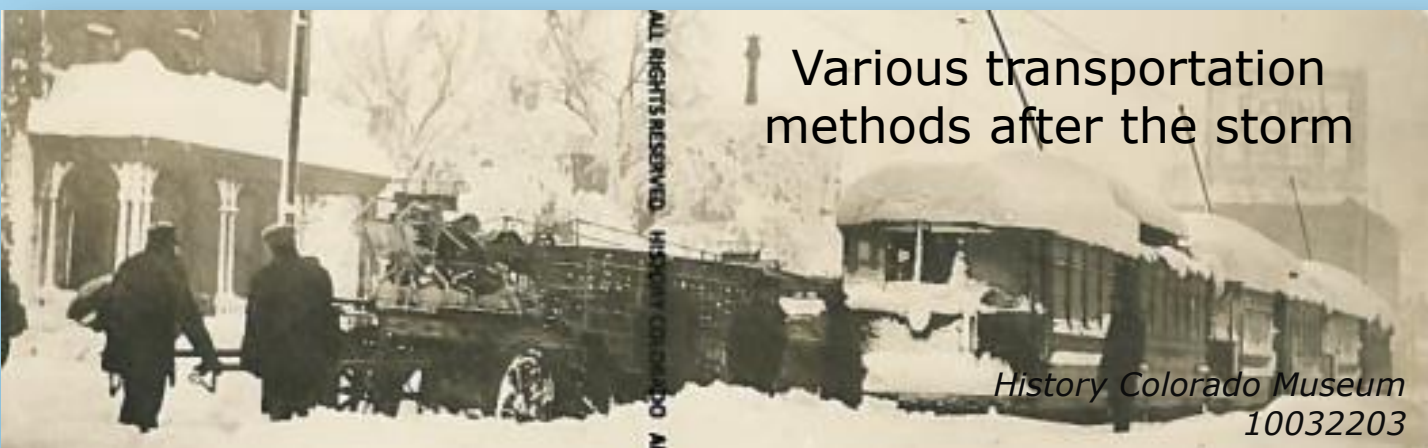
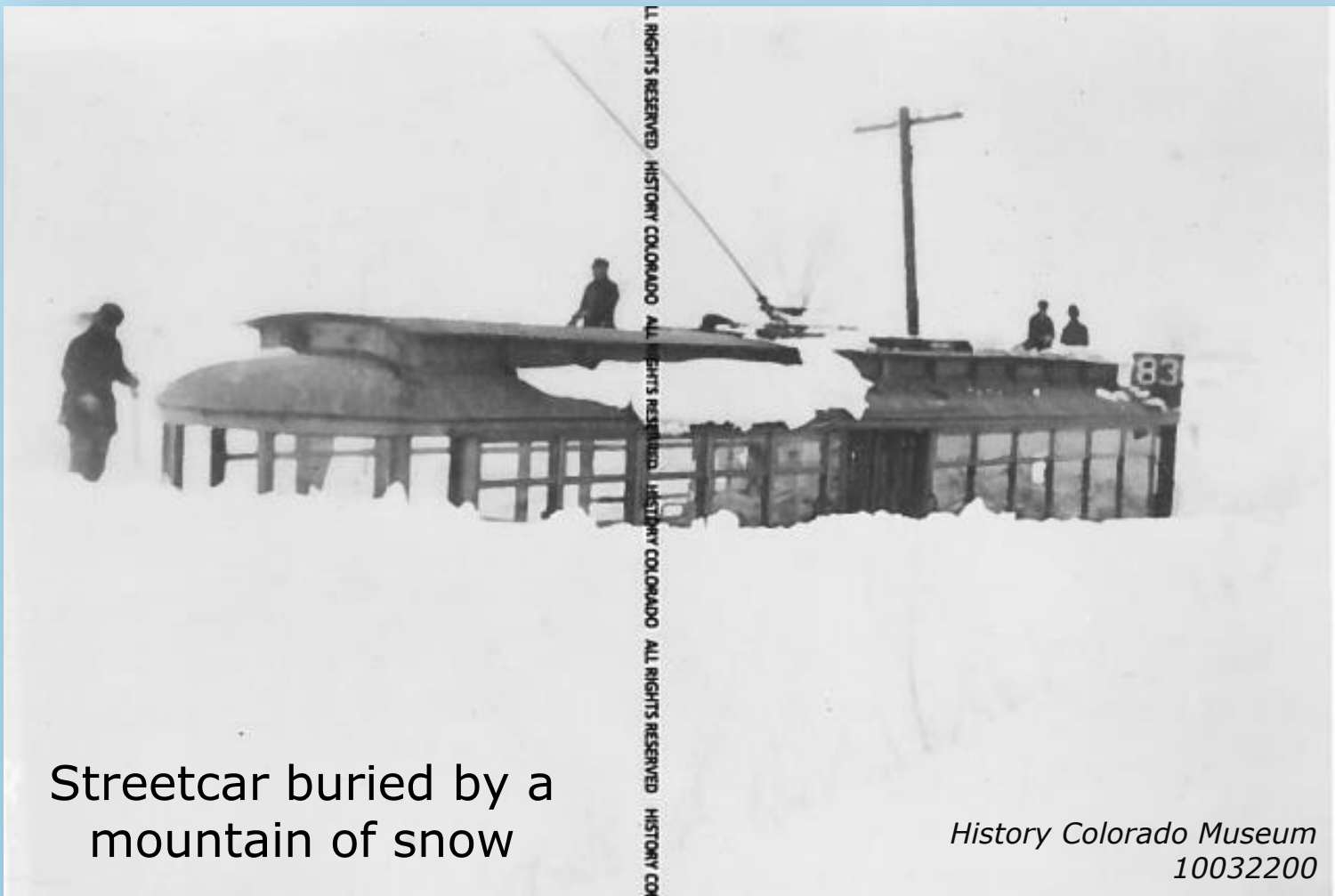
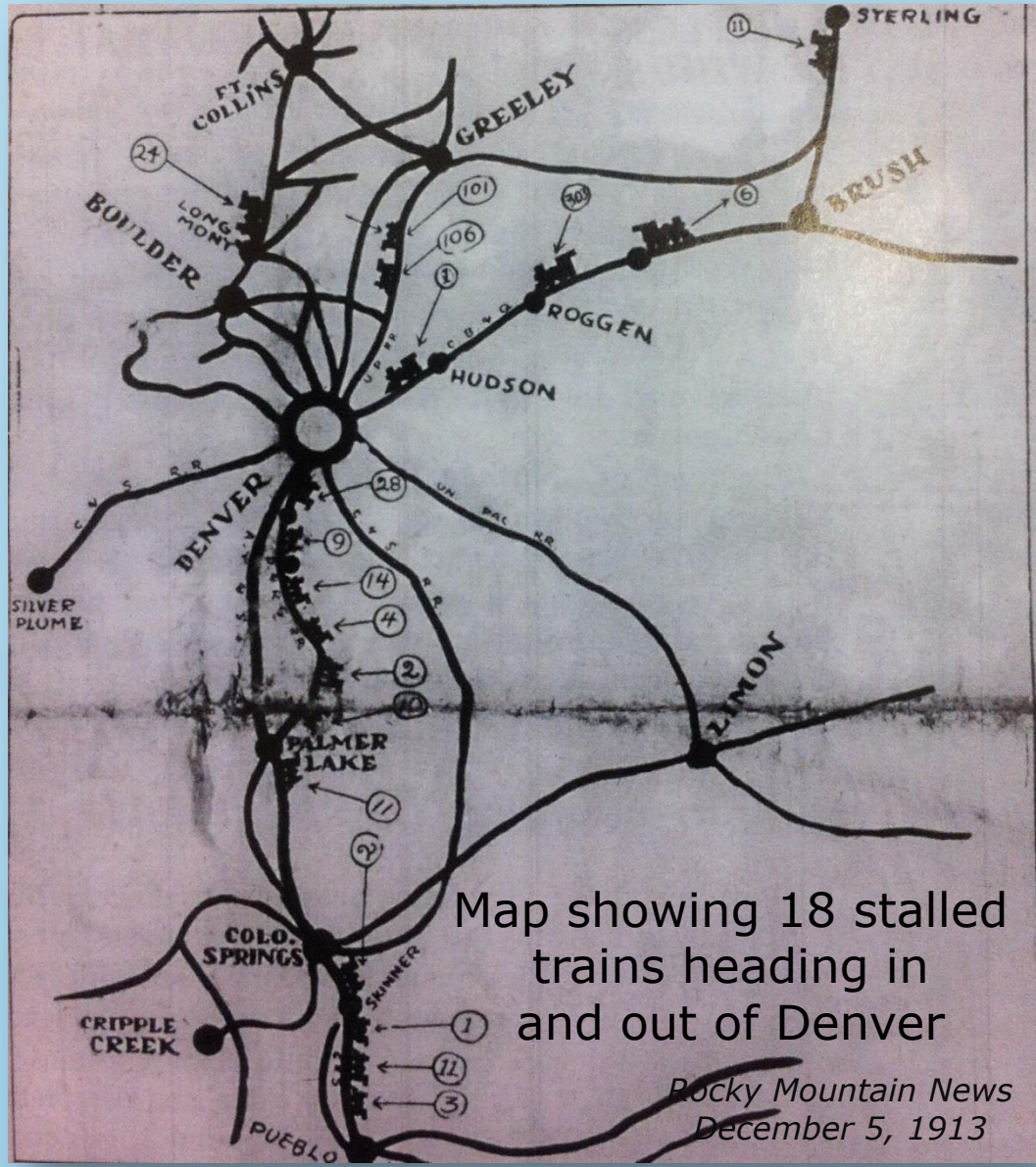
### A Record Snowfall!

Location	Total for December 1-5
Georgetown	86"
Estes Park	53"
Denver	45.7"
Boulder	43.75"
Ft. Collins	33.5"
Colorado Springs	24.4"

Data from Colorado Climate Center

The daily snowfall record for the state of Colorado was set in Georgetown in December 1913, with 63" of snow accumulating in 24 hours.

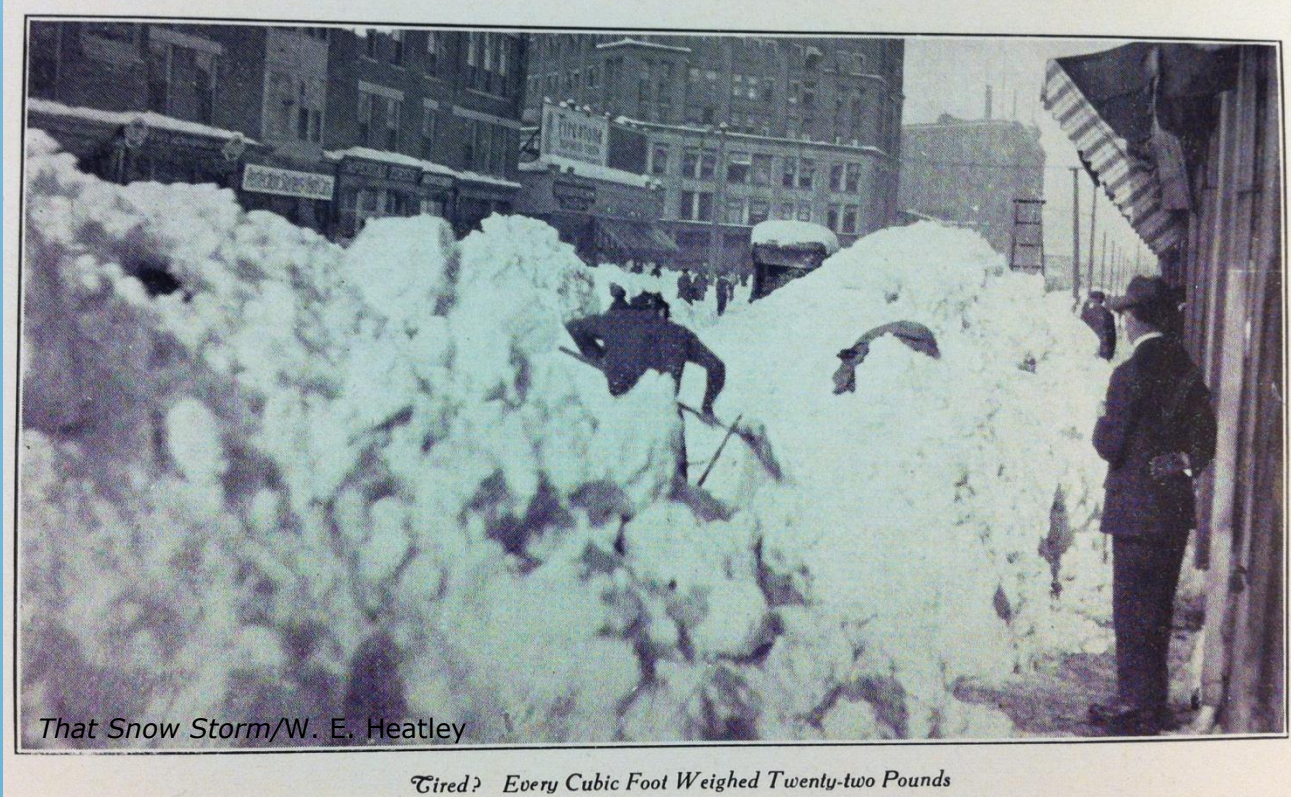
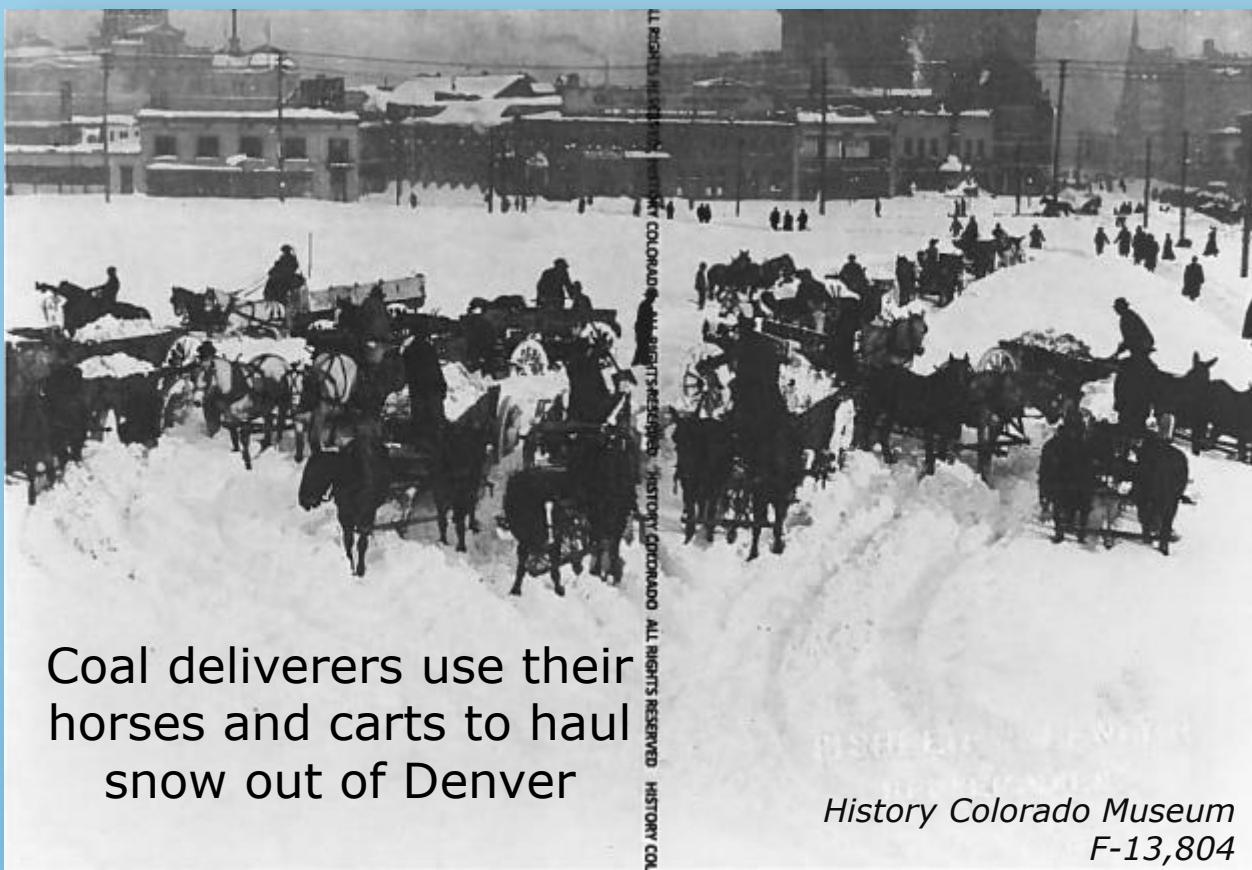
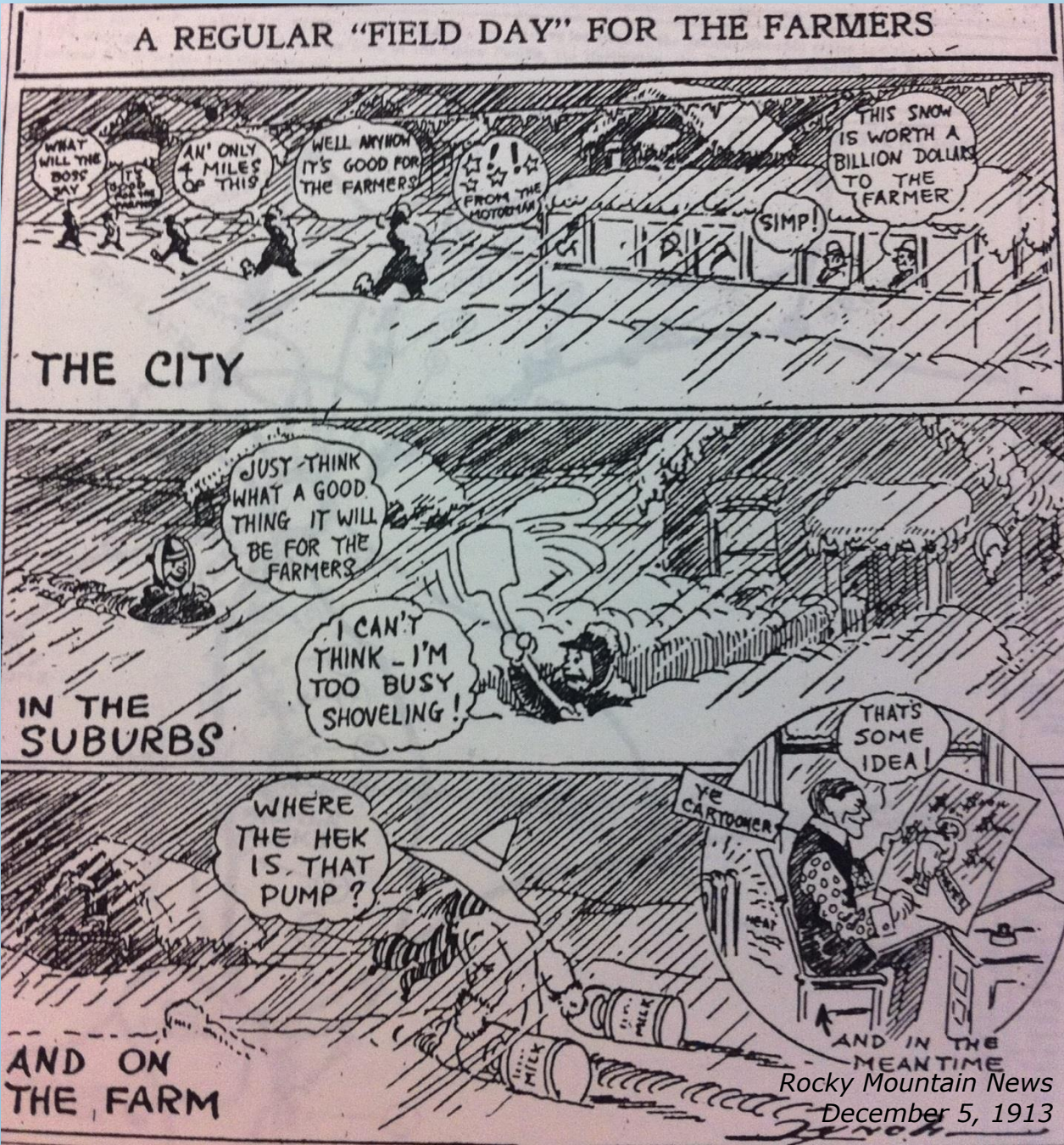
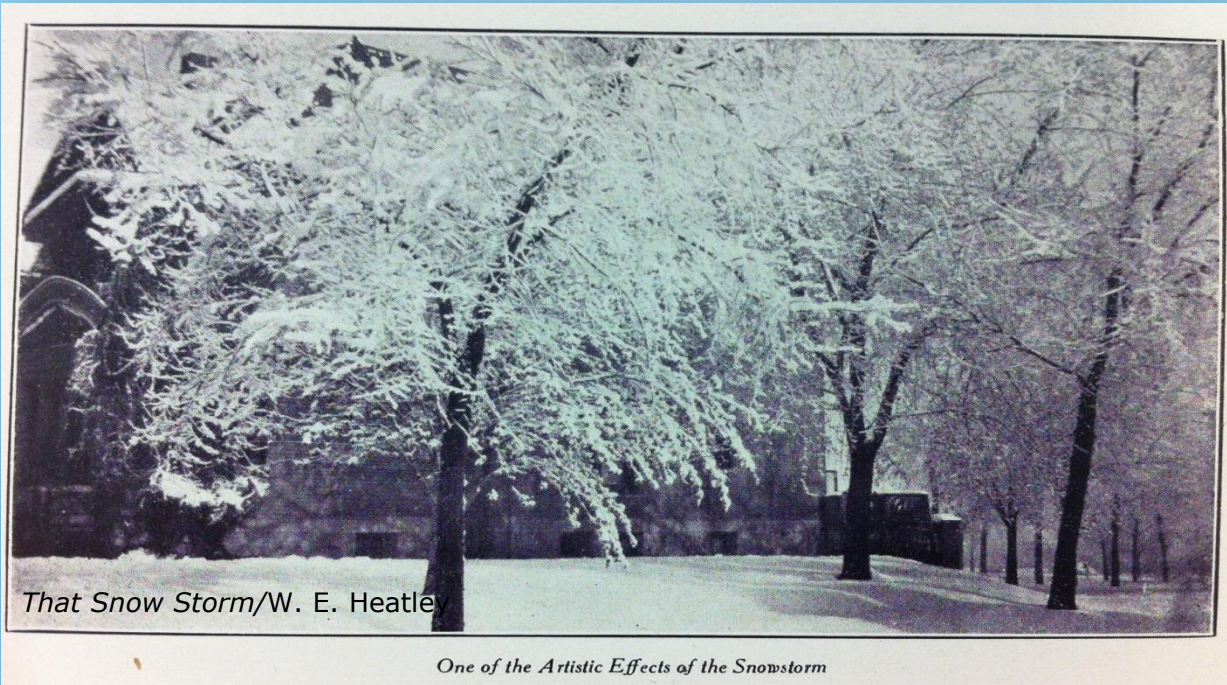
## Transportation Frozen



## Economic Benefits

**WHOLE STATE REJOICES OVER BIG SNOW STORM**  
Bountiful Crops Assured by Enormous Increase of Moisture and Business Men Are Happy. Source: Rocky Mountain News, December 5, 1913

**Tramway Has Jobs for Everybody Today**  
Anyone may have work today by applying to the Tramway company. Hundreds of men are wanted to shovel snow, and no one who wants to work will be turned away. Seven hundred and eighty men were employed by the Tramway company yesterday to clear the tracks of snow. Over 200 men found work with the city dump wagons at salaries of \$2.50 a day. Both the Tramway company and Highway Commissioner Sheriff are seeking more men. By noon today there will be no unemployed men of able body in the city of Denver. Source: Rocky Mountain News, December 5, 1913



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